

Paragraph 12.02 of Part 4 of the Rules of Procedure contained within the City Council's Constitution provides that a Member of the Council may submit a written question to any Cabinet Member.

This document informs Members of Council of written questions put to Cabinet Members and written replies thereto.

Council is recommended to RESOLVE to note the written questions submitted and corresponding responses.

No.	Question from/to	Question
1.	From Councillor Coole to the Cabinet Member for Culture and Leisure	On what dates were quarterly performance monitoring meetings between the City Council and Marketing Gloucester held?
	Response: 14 March 2016, 4 July 2016, 16 August 2016, 6 January 2017, 29 September 2017, 4 December 2017, 26 March 2018, 13 November 2018, 3 May 2019, 16 July 2019 and 31 October 2019.	
2.	From Councillor Coole to the Cabinet Member for Culture and Leisure	Were minutes or notes of these meetings taken, who holds these, and have they been made available to any Members?
	Response: Yes, notes were taken of the meetings and copies are held by the Council. Copies of the minutes have been supplied to members of the Audit and Governance Committee.	
3.	From Councillor Coole to the Cabinet Member for Culture and Leisure	Which Members of the Cabinet and which Officers attended each of these meetings?
	Response: Detailed attendance for each meeting is listed in the notes of each meeting. Each meeting was normally attended by the Chief Executive of MGL, the Cabinet Lead Member, the Corporate Director and, from time to time, the Head of Culture and Trading Services, the Head of Place and the Chair of MGL.	
4.	From Councillor Coole to the Cabinet Member for Culture and Leisure	On what date did Officers become aware of the UK DRIC subsidiary of Marketing Gloucester, and when were Cabinet informed of its existence?
	Response: Officers became aware of the existence of a DRIC subsidiary of Marketing Gloucester in April 2019 when documents were shared shortly after a meeting held on 28 March 2019 with the LEP, MGL and the City Council.	
5.	From Councillor Haigh to the Cabinet Member for Communities and Neighbourhoods	In the current crisis there has been a great effort to ensure that all those who were registered as homeless with the City Council before the crisis are housed in temporary accommodation. This has meant that people are not sofa surfing and at greater risk from Covid-19. It does mean, however, that as we exit the crisis there will be a number of people who will have been awaiting permanent

		accommodation for some time and who have not been able to access choice based lettings or the private sector. What plans are being put in place to support these individuals and to help them into permanent accommodation as we exit the crisis?
	Response:	
	Under CEAP (Covid Emergency Accommodation Protocol) a large number of individuals were housed in hotel accommodation to minimise the risk of the virus spreading. This included rough sleepers and a number of people who were at immediate risk of becoming rough sleepers due to the pandemic- i.e. they had been staying with friends or family (sofa surfing) and being asked to leave. Hotel accommodation is the only appropriate accommodation for this situation as the ability to completely self contain is essential.	
	The individuals who have been housed in hotel accommodation are being engaged with and supported by a number of organisations, including a temporary support team employed by the City Council to work with this cohort. This is an opportunity for us to engage with people who we have not been able to engage with previously. The purpose of the team is to understand their situation and their needs and work as part of the housing pathway to move people into appropriate longer term accommodation.	
	The task now is to identify the options. We are working with our Registered Providers in the City and as part of the Homeseeker partnership to look at options for direct matching, working with county colleagues to explore high support placements, with SIB providers and are planning a campaign to engage with landlords whose previous rental aspirations may now have changed.	
	Housing will form a key strand of the Recovery Strategy countywide and Gloucester City Council will play a key role in that work.	
6.	From Councillor Haigh to the Cabinet Member for Communities and Neighbourhoods	How many people are currently in temporary accommodation? Please break down into single people, couples and families. How many are housed outside the City?
	Response:	
	263 households in temporary accommodation: 1x household fleeing domestic abuse case placed in Cheltenham 86x families 100x singles deemed to be in priority need 11x couples 66x Covid-19 placements, these are deemed non priority placed under CEAP, Covid-19 placements may move between Gloucester & Cheltenham hotels.	
7.	From Councillor Haigh to the Cabinet Member for Communities and Neighbourhoods	Please give the housing waiting figures by band.
	Response:	
	Emergency 62 Gold 286 Silver 1704 Bronze 3234 Total sum: 5286	
8.	From Councillor Haigh to the Cabinet Member for	Choice based lettings has been suspended for some weeks and so people are unable to bid for

	Communities and Neighbourhoods	<p>vacant properties. How are people now being allocated to vacant properties and how are they being advertised?</p> <p>If properties are being advertised via non-traditional methods e.g. social media, what checks are in place to endure that they are allocated to people on the housing waiting list by priority?</p>
Response:		
<p><i>Choice based lettings has been suspended for some weeks and so people are unable to bid for vacant properties. How are people now being allocated to vacant properties and how are they being advertised?</i></p> <p>As a response to the initial ‘lockdown’ many of our Registered Providers (RPs) closed their doors to new referrals. This was to protect current tenants/ residents and minimise the risk to staff and individuals. Many also had staff challenges meaning assessing referrals and preparing properties was difficult. For this reason, Choice Based Lettings through Homeseeker+ were suspended. This suspension is being kept under close review.</p> <p>Following more recent Government Guidance Issued for Social Landlords, we have been working together with these partners to scope the available vacant units within our locality, working with the respective RPs to provide details of units available or becoming available. This has enabled Housing Services to start planning to directly match households into these units. Essential activity deemed to be in the public interest includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • supporting victims of domestic abuse and people fleeing other forms of violence • preventing severe overcrowding • facilitating move-on from temporary accommodation • facilitating discharge from hospital to free-up bed space for others requiring care • supporting those living in unsafe accommodation, or without settled accommodation, which poses a risk to their health. <p>For those that we facilitate a direct match, the units will not be advertised in the public domain. These will be households who are statutory homeless, currently housed in temp accommodation. We are aware that the acute shortage of accommodation will not be enough to meet the current demands on the homeless service.</p> <p><i>If properties are being advertised via non-traditional methods e.g. social media, what checks are in place to endure that they are allocated to people on the housing waiting list by priority?</i></p> <p>Given the acute shortage of accommodation available, it is disappointing if RPs have resulted in advertising via social media. Should they do this outside of homeseekersplus, then there is no mechanism in place, currently to police this practice, but there is opportunity through the Homeseeker Management Board to challenge as appropriate.</p>		
9.	From Councillor Haigh to the Cabinet Member for Communities and Neighbourhoods	Will the Cabinet Member be asking the Homeseeker Management Board to investigate the advertising of properties via social media?

		<p>Until Homeseeker becomes available to people on the housing waiting list will the Cabinet Member seek to ensure that properties are allocated according to priority and need in accordance with Council policies?</p>
<p>Response:</p>		
<p>We are aware of a recent case where a RP was advertising a property via Facebook. This specific instance has been brought to our attention and discussed with the provider and from these discussions we can summarise:</p> <p>The provider has used the lockdown period to further advertise properties that they have been struggling to fill. The advertiser has been administering this during the Covid period but the lack of interest predates the Coronavirus outbreak.</p> <p>The provider has looked at options to promote the property further to households registered with Homeseeker+ including a mail out to relevant groups. The Council has been unable to arrange this.</p> <p>On the rare occasions where there is no demand through Homeseeker Plus for a property the provider reserves the right to apply their Hard to Let criteria within their Lettings Policy to ensure they are not holding long term voids.</p> <p>Marketing hard to let properties via social media enables them to complete pre-tenancy checks all of which are completed on line and by phone with customers in advance of the viewing and letting process, while the suspension of Lettings has been in place. Customers who have responded have been provided with advice but pre-tenancy diligence checks can be progressed to avoid a significant build up of latent demand on operational service areas at a later stage.</p> <p>They have now developed a Lettings Homes Safely protocol in accordance with Government Guidance regarding social distancing and this will enable them to complete property lettings as the lockdown measures are eased.</p> <p>Issues such as this are followed up by the Homeseeker Plus Coordinator and raised with the Homeseeker Management Board. Until normal processes are able to resume we will be making allocations based on the Homeseeker Policy to ensure consistency, fairness and alignment with government guidance.</p>		
<p>10.</p>	<p>From Councillor Ryall to the Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can you confirm that Gloucester City Council owns the land occupying Gloucester Old Boys RFC car park? 2. Please can you confirm if Gloucester City Council has any lease agreement with Gloucester Old Boys RFC for the use of this car park and if so, what the agreement entails and the period it lasts? 3. Have any agreements been given (written or verbal / formal or informal) to local businesses about the use of Gloucester Old Boys RFC car park? If so when and what are the details? 4. Is the council aware of any additional entrances and exits to the car park that have been added without prior knowledge or permission?
<p>Response:</p>		

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Gloucester City Council own the land on which the Gloucester Old Boys clubhouse and car park are situated (a plan showing our ownership coloured pink is attached). 2. The land was leased for 99 years from 24 June 1971 for the Club to construct their facilities (plan attached showing their demise), the Club covenanted to construct and maintain the facilities and to contribute a third towards the maintenance of the access road coloured brown. 3. Some years ago the Council consented to the NHS using the car park during building works at the hospital we have not approved any other subletting or formal use of the car park since. 4. It was noted during an inspection that a pedestrian entrance has been created between Allstones and the club car park. Our officers have made enquiries and contacted Allstones who have confirmed that with the agreement of the Club they have been using the car park for staff, in return they have done repairs and maintenance to the Club House for free and sorted out their drains. They also sponsor the Club's Youth Teams and they sand all of their pitches. We were informed that they do work for other clubs for free as well. <p>If this arrangement is benefitting the club and local sport and is not causing any issues our offices have delegated authority to agree and document the proposal. However, no decision has yet been taken whether to allow the Club to formalise Allstones use of the car park or whether to enforce the lease. Prior to any decision being made Asset Management will engage with the Open Spaces Officer and if there is local interest will also contact the Ward Members.</p>	
11.	From Councillor Field to the Cabinet Member for Environment	How many allotment sites and plots are there currently in the city of Gloucester?
Response:		
There are 955 plots managed by the City Council and a further 72 managed by Quedgeley Town Council.		
12.	From Councillor Field to the Cabinet Member for Environment	How many people are currently on the waiting list for an allotment?
Response:		
265 on GCC list 90 on QTC list.		
13.	From Councillor Field to the Cabinet Member for Environment	What is the current average waiting time for an allotment from application to handover?
Response:		
The average wait time prior to Covid 19 was 1 year but that will increase significantly with the large numbers who have applied since the pandemic.		
14.	From Councillor Field to the Cabinet Member for Environment	Covid-19 has given us an opportunity to reset and renew many things in our society. What will the council be doing to mitigate climate change after Covid?
Response:		
There is a detailed Covid-19 recovery plan being drawn up, and under the Climate Change and Environment workstream proposals will be put forward to mitigate the impacts of climate change as part of developing our 'new normal'.		

	<p>The workstream plan will be discussed by the all-party Climate Change working group, and will be available for review by Overview and Scrutiny Committee too.</p> <p>Many of the environmental 'benefits' around lockdown were due to less vehicles on the roads and therefore more relevant to the Highway Authority, however, the recovery plan will look at areas of joint working with the county council, it will also look at how as a city council we can maintain increased interest in allotments, parks/open spaces and our contact with wildlife that were some of the unexpected positive outcomes of the lock down period.</p>	
15.	From Councillor Field to the Cabinet Member for Environment	Although strictly county council issues, what will the city council be doing to encourage more walking and cycling in the city?
	Response:	
	<p>The city council has been working closely with the county council on these issues, for example the projects submitted as part of the Government's £250 million active travel fund for which Members were asked to put forward potential projects. A list of the projects put forward by the City Council was included in a recent Members Bulletin.</p> <p>As part of the Covid recovery plan (see response to Q14) proposals will be developed including closing off streets to car traffic on certain days and other pedestrian and cycle-friendly measures. As mentioned, this document will be made available for scrutiny by Members in the coming weeks.</p>	
16.	From Councillor Field to the Cabinet Member for Culture and Leisure	What is the projected cost of the 2021 Tall Ships Festival?
	Response:	
	<p>The projected cost of the 2021 Tall Ships Festival is estimated to be in the region of £300,000 - £450,000 – the majority of which is derived from ticket sales, market traders, food concessions, bars and sponsorship, with the city council's contribution being £50,000 for the Festival. £25k per annum from the Festivals and Events budget is allocated to this in 2020 and a further £25k in 2021.</p>	
17.	From Councillor Field to the Cabinet Member for Culture and Leisure	2020 marks 130 years since Ivor Gurney was born in Gloucester. His reputation has grown enormously over the past few years. What future plans are there to commemorate Gurney?
	Response:	
	<p>The city council has no plans to commemorate the birth of Ivor Gurney. However, the Destination Marketing team within the city council will be made aware to watch out for and be able to amplify suitable digital content produced by other organisations such as the Ivor Gurney Trust at around the date of the anniversary.</p> <p>A recommendation will be made to the Gloucester History Festival and the Three Choirs Festival to note this composer for potential to include in future years' programmes via the Gloucester Heritage Forum.</p>	
18.	From Councillor Field to the Cabinet Member for Culture and Leisure	Sir Alfred Herbert Brewer was Gloucester cathedral organist and a composer of note, and even city High Sheriff, but today he is largely forgotten. Are there any plans to commemorate him, 155 years after his birth?
	Response:	
	<p>There are currently no plans to celebrate 155 yrs since the birth of Gloucester's cathedral organist by the city council. However, the city financially supports the</p>	

	<p>Three Choirs Festival which takes place every 3 years within Gloucester and annually within the 3 counties. Whilst the city council does not hold the responsibility for programming the content of the Festival a recommendation will be made to the Three Choirs Festival, the Cathedral and the Gloucester History Festival to note this anniversary should they wish to mark it in some way. This will be done by an officer via an update at the Gloucester Heritage Forum. Furthermore, they will be requested to inform the city council Destination Marketing team can use its social media and digital channels to amplify and promote any relevant content relating to this anniversary.</p>	
19.	<p>From Councillor Field to the Leader of the Council</p>	<p>With the recent controversy over statues, are there any concerns over statues in the city of Gloucester? Conversely, are there any plans to renovate or resite statues that need some attention such as Charles II in St Mary's?</p>
<p>Response:</p> <p>Gloucester City Council does not at the present time have ownership of any monuments that have links with slavery that we are aware of.</p> <p>With regards to the Charles II monument, located in St Mary's Street, it has, like many other older monuments for example the Queen Anne monument Gloucester Park, been subject to the impact of acid rain and pollution on the limestone that they are carved from. We are currently applying for a grant from Historic England to undertake an assessment of all the designated monuments within our care. The grant aid is for a condition survey and specifications for repairs, not for any specialist conservation or restoration, and is purely directed to 'Designated Assets' either listed or scheduled. The report will focus on the Kings Bastion, Eastgate Chamber, Hillfield Chapel and Gardens, and the Queen Anne monument. Unfortunately, the Charles II monument is not part of the survey because it is not listed. The application will not fund actual conservation works as the criteria is for assessments, but it will give us an indication of the way forward.</p>		
20.	<p>From Councillor Field to the Cabinet Member for Culture and Leisure</p>	<p>A few years ago when the discovery and reinternment of King Richard III's remains were much in the news, Gloucester held successful Richard III Festivals and the then Leader undertook to make sure Richard III was a prominent feature in our museum. Did anything come of this?</p>
<p>Response:</p> <p>Gloucester held several very successful Richard III festivals where discussions were held around having a permanent exhibit within the Museum. This did not progress as the charter is housed at the Archives and the only object in the Museum that had a connection to Richard III was the Mourning sword, although whether this belonged to Richard II is open to debate.</p>		
21.	<p>From Councillor Field to the Cabinet Member for Environment</p>	<p>With parks reopening soon, how are we going to ensure hand cleansing after use? Will it be up to the individual or will the council provide facilities?</p>
<p>Response:</p> <p>There are no plans to install hand sanitising stations at play parks, this will be up to the individual to take personal responsibility.</p>		
22.	<p>From Councillor Hilton to the Leader of the Council</p>	<p>In September 2019 the city council announced that Dowdeswell Estates are the council's preferred partner to help restore the Fleece Hotel in Gloucester.</p>

		Could you provide a timeline of the process that led up to the decision to award the contract to Dowdeswell Estates?
	Response:	
	<p>The Report considered by Cabinet at its meeting on 6th November 2019 provided a detailed timeline of the process that led to Dowdeswell Estates being identified as the preferred development partner in the redevelopment of the former Fleece Hotel in Westgate. I do not propose to restate that information here.</p> <p>However, it is important to correct one point. Gloucester City Council has not yet entered into a contract with Dowdeswell Estates as no Detailed Solution has been identified in accordance with the Competitive Dialogue procurement process set out in the Public Contracts Regulations 2015.</p>	
23.	From Councillor Hilton to the Leader of the Council	What progress has been made since September 2019 on taking the Fleece Hotel restoration project forward?
	Response:	
	<p>Dowdeswell Estates and Officers continue to discuss the options for redeveloping what we all accept is a difficult site in the heart of our City Centre. Draft Heads of Terms are currently being discussed and the Council is seeking expert advice to further understand the financial and regeneration benefits that may accrue to the City in general and the City Council in particular.</p> <p>Members will be aware that the successful High Street Heritage Action Zone included £225,000 of Historic England investment to address the Westgate elevation of The Fleece Hotel as part of the wider redevelopment.</p>	
24.	From Councillor Hilton to the Cabinet Member for Economic Recovery and Growth	Could you name those persons who have been approached to join the Economic Recovery Task Force and who has agreed to participate?
	Response:	
	<p>Attendance at the meeting of the ERTF on 20 June: Councillors: Dawn Melvin, Kevin Stephens Gloucester City Council officers: Ian Edwards, David Evans, Eleanor Mackie, Adam Wassell Representatives of: Bruton Knowles, Eastgate Shopping Centre, Emma Willis, Fab and Fated, FSB, GFirst LEP x2, Gloucester Regeneration Advisory Board, Gloucester Rugby Club, Gloucestershire County Council, Idun Spirit, Janes Pantry, Job Centre Plus, Licensed Victuallers Association, McDonalds Franchisee x2, Peel, Quattro Design, Reef Group, Robert Hitchins, Unite, Visit Gloucestershire Market Traders x2 City centre property developer x1</p> <p>Invited but unable to attend: Representatives of: Business West, Gloucestershire County Council (Transport), Gloucester BID, JLL, Kings Walk Shopping Centre, No1 Business Centre, Prima Dental, Showmans representative (street traders) City centre property owners x2</p> <p>Councillor Ashley Bowkett was accidentally omitted from the invitation.</p>	

25.	From Councillor Hilton to the Cabinet Member for Planning and Housing Strategy	What is the current legal status of the Gloucester City Plan?																
Response:																		
<p>The GCP is not part of the development plan until adopted, but is an emerging plan. Under paragraph 48 of the National Planning Policy Framework, local planning authorities may give weight to relevant policies in emerging plans according to: the stage of preparation of the emerging plan (the more advanced its preparation, the greater the weight that may be given); the extent to which there are unresolved objections to relevant policies (the less significant the unresolved objections, the greater the weight that may be given); and the degree of consistency of the relevant policies in the emerging plan to the Framework (the closer the policies in the emerging plan to the policies in the Framework, the greater the weight that may be given).</p> <p>Following the approval of the Pre-Submission Gloucester City Plan (GCP) by the City Council for publication under Regulation 19 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012, and subsequent public consultation, on the basis of the stage of preparation the plan has reached (acknowledging that it is yet go through the examination process in respect of soundness, legal compliance and the duty to cooperate) policies in the GCP can overall be given 'limited to moderate weight' in decision making. However, the weight that will be able to be given to individuals policies as relevant to any determination will particularly depend on their degree of consistency with the Framework and the extent of outstanding objections to each of the policies received through the consultation.</p>																		
26.	From Councillor Hilton to the Cabinet Member for Communities and Neighbourhoods	What action has been taken to enforce the no drinking of alcohol on London Road and within the Public Space Protection Order since its formal adoption by this council?																
Response:																		
<p>Gloucester Neighbourhood Policing team are authorised to enforce under the PSPO alcohol free zone. The police regularly visit this area and it is part of the patrol plan for every shift. The main method of enforcement for this area has been the removal and disposal of the alcohol from individuals. Names of individuals breaching the alcohol free zone are passed on to the Solace Team who liaise with Housing and support providers in the area to ensure support is offered to people with alcohol dependency issues in line with our 'engage, support, enforce' approach.</p>																		
27.	From Councillor Hilton to each Cabinet Member	Since the annual council meeting could you list the meetings you have held or attended with persons from outside the council in relation to your cabinet portfolio, up to the 24 th of June 2020?																
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	Malcolm Powers MSc Climate Studies call
	District Council Network/homelessness conference call
16/6	County Council Social care commissioning conference call
18/6	Gloucestershire Leaders/CEX conference call
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24/6	District Council leaders conference call

Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources:

As the Cabinet Member whose portfolio is to enable the operations of the council, I have limited meetings with external bodies. Since the annual council meeting, I have attended a CIPFA Special Councillors Conference Webinar on the financial impact of Covid-19 on Local Government on the 11th June.

Cabinet Member for Culture and Leisure:

During this period my recollections are that I had a number of telephone conversations with members of the Showmans Guild, I undertook a phoned interview with Radio Gloucestershire, I took part in a Skype session with Officers, members of Gloucester Culture Trust and a representative of the South West Arts Council and held 2 Teams meetings with other members of the Culture and Visitor Economy Recovery Action Group.

Cabinet Member for Planning and Housing Strategy:

1. June 18th Joint Core Strategy meeting
2. June 23rd Joint Core Strategy meeting
3. June 25th At my request I met a local builder with the Head of Service to address issues raised in an email to me

Cabinet Member for Communities and Neighbourhoods:

I have met with Gloucester Gateway Trust and The Club Tuffley every week on food strategy. I also met with Gloucestershire County Council and a developer about a planning proposal in Kingsway on 16th June.

Cabinet Member for Economic Recovery and Growth:

Worboys – many meetings on site and via Teams re Eastgate indoor market
 EW – Teams with EDT on the new designer fashion, jewellery and luxury goods quarter
 Reef & Quattro – on site Kings Quarter re hoarding designs & urgent site clear up
 Reef – assorted teams meetings re the Kings Quarter designs
 Economic Recovery Task Group meeting – Assorted people, list already provided in another question
 Assorted market traders – indoor market many meetings re reimagining the indoor market and also re discretionary grants
 Police – re closing sunbed location that opened as well as discussing LVA safety opening updates
 LVA – A number of meetings on opening pubs etc back up for business
 Assorted meetings/calls taken in relation to discretionary grants
 Government in relation to gov grants needed and back to business

	<p>Teams meeting with Gov staff member on community shop units & pop up showcase shop</p> <p>Telephone meeting with a drive in cinema company</p> <p>Telephone meetings with market traders re a new gate street night flea market</p> <p>Fusion building owner in relation to painting the building and urgent leasing of the unit needed</p> <p>Old Argos building owner in relation to time scales and avoiding empty units in the high street</p> <p>Lighting company in relation to new lighting in the indoor market</p> <p>Graphics company in relation to new signage at the indoor market</p> <p>BID re flowers and signage in the city pre opening the high street</p> <p>Highways re street parking and tickets</p> <p>Nationwide building society re their bank moving to 1 Westgate street & ensuring vacated unit is leased</p> <p>Street trader re her unit position and discretionary grant paperwork</p> <p>Various industrial site retailers and out of town retailers visited on site for covid safety catch ups</p> <p>Assorted meetings with city centre shop owners – to discuss opening up their stores</p> <p>Assorted meetings with antique market traders Westgate in relation to the discretionary grant</p> <p>Assorted meetings with street traders re discretionary grant</p> <p>Highways – in relation to safety update impact & cleaning up all the verges and roundabouts on all city entrances</p> <p>Gloucestershire LEP meetings on opening up the high street and well as blue sky discussion</p> <p>Ginkgo re Kings Quarter hoardings</p> <p>City and country re art gallery and artists workshops</p> <p>PSPO's on site meeting re opening city for business</p>	
28.	From Councillor Stephens to the Cabinet Member for Environment	<p>In the past two years:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many recorded instances of fly tipping has the Council received? 2. How many prosecutions (successful & non successful) have we carried out? 3. How many fines have we have collected and what is the total amount of money awarded to us because of this? 4. How many fines remain uncollected? 5. How many times have we exercised our powers under the Environmental Protection Act 1990 to remove fly-tipping and recharge landowners for the cost? 6. How many Community Protection Notices (CPNs) have we issued under s.43 of the ASB Crime and Policing Act 2014?
Response:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many recorded instances of fly tipping has the Council received? 4,025 (30/06/2018 – 30/06/2020) 2. How many prosecutions (successful & non successful) have we carried out? Enviro crime pilot scheme data is not available presently due to contractor on furlough scheme. As a direct result of Council enviro-crime investigations, 46 prosecutions for waste related offences has been initiated out of a total 133 		

FPN's issued (payment rate of 65.5%). Further one waste related offence resulted in this authority issuing a Civil Injunction pursuant to Part 1, ASB Crime and Policing Act 2014. In the councils known history one prosecution has been found in the defences favour as a result of a lack of wider knowledge of enviro-crime Legislation by the Courts.

3. How many fines have we have collected and what is the total amount of money awarded to us because of this?

We are unable to provide this data at present as it is held in part by the courts which are operating a reduced service due to Covid-19. The information has been requested and will be provided to Councillor Stephens once received.

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